IT'S PHILADELPHIA

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PHILADELPHIA WAS FORE-RUNNER OF HOLLYWOOD —

FROM SIEGMUND LUBIN'S SMALL ROOF-TOP STUDIO, LOCATED NEAR 5TH AND ARCH STS. DURING THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, GREW THE GIANT MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY OF TODAY

TO SPEND **FIVE HOURS EATING DINNER** WAS A COMMON PRACTICE FOR PHILADELPHIANS DURING THE MIDDLE 1800'S

AT BAUCHER'S RESTAURANT 30 PEOPLE ONCE HAD A DINNER CONSIST-ING OF 21 COURSES ... THE CHECK AMOUNTED TO $4,000

YOUR VACANT LOT MAY BE A GOLD MINE! —

PARKING LOT OPERATORS IN PHILADELPHIA GROSS WELL-OVER **$1,000,000 YEARLY**

PHILADELPHIA FIRSTS:

AMERICA'S FIRST WHITE HOUSE WAS LOCATED AT 526 (or 530) MARKET ST. — IT WAS EXECUTIVE MANSION OF PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

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HANDCUFFS AND LEG-IRONS INTENDED FOR ABRAHAM LINCOLN!-

THESE SHACKLES, OWNED BY JOHN WILKES BOOTH, WERE TO BE USED TO MANACLE PRESIDENT LINCOLN IN A CONSPIRACY TO ABDUCT HIM ... THEY ARE NOW AN EXHIBIT AT GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL 647 N. 12TH ST.

JEANETTE MacDONALD SCARED RIGHT OFF STAGE BY PHILADELPHIA BEAR!-

THE FAMOUS SINGER-ACTRESS, A NATIVE PHILADELPHIAN, WAS SO BADLY FRIGHTENED BY A FELLOW PERFORMER IN A BEAR COSTUME THAT SHE DASHED OFF THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC STAGE IN THE MIDDLE OF HER SONG ... AT THE TIME SHE WAS 5 YEARS OLD

MAYBE BROOKLYN COULD USE ANOTHER ONE!

1,333 TREES WERE REMOVED FROM PHILADELPHIA STREETS AND PARKS LAST YEAR — BUT THERE ARE STILL AT LEAST 157,000 OF THEM ON THE CITY'S SIDEWALKS!

BATTER UP!

AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 35 GAMES A DAY (BASEBALL & SOFTBALL) ARE PLAYED IN FAIRMOUNT PARK DURING THE SEASON!

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A's GRID CHAMPS

CONNIE MACK ORGANIZED THE PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS FOOTBALL TEAM IN 1902 WITH ABEL WENDELL IN THE LINEUP ... THEY CLAIMED PRO GRID CHAMPIONSHIP OF U.S. AFTER BEATING PITTSBURGH, WITH CHRISTY MATHEWSON AT FULLBACK, BY A SCORE OF 12-6

CAPTAIN OF 3 A'S PENNANT-WINNING CLUBS, WOULD **NOT WEAR** REGULATION SPIKES ... HE USED **GOLF CLEAT** TYPE SPIKES IN **HIGH BASEBALL SHOES**

MONEY FOR DOING NOTHING

PHILADELPHIA ZOO ALLIGATORS HAVE "EARNED" OVER 1500 PENNIES DURING PAST FEW MONTHS ... VISITORS THROW THE COINS IN THE PIT TO MAKE THE REPTILES STIR

CLOTHES FOR A GIANT

FRANK REYNOLDS, 6' 7" TALL WHO WEIGHS CLOSE TO 400 LBS., WAS A PATIENT AT PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSP. AFTER LOSING HIS CLOTHING IN A HOTEL FIRE ... UPON HIS RELEASE HE WAS COMPLETELY OUTFITTED — **SIZE 60** SUIT; NAVY SOCKS DESIRED TO GO OVER SEABOOTS ... SHIRT WAS **SIZE 20**

PHILADELPHIA'S **267** WARBIRDS WILL ACCOMMODATE EVERY CHARACTER OF PASSEL